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1. The large textile industry in Swiebodzice (Freiburg in Schlesien) (N 50-52, E 16-20), which was plundered by the Soviets after the war, has been rebuilt and is again in full production making, among other things, uniforms for industrial guards (straz przemyslowy) and fire guards. There are several factories working together in this industry.
2. A watch factory located in the southern part of Swiebodzice on ulica Walbrzyska was rebuilt after the war and resumed the production of watches. At the end of 1952, the military authorities took over this factory and immediately stopped the manufacture of watches. The authorities installed new machines in the old buildings and rapidly constructed and equipped three new factory buildings so that in the summer of 1953 this factory was able to begin the production of military items such as precision parts for torpedoes, bombs, artillery missile fuses, grenade fuses, etc. The raw materials and semi-finished goods for this factory are brought in by railroad from various factories in Silesia, including a factory located in Zielona Gora (Gruenberg) (N 51-56, E 15-30). Products from the last mentioned factory are also taken by military authorities and sent to different places in Poland, including other factories, via escorted military trains.
3. Each employee hired by this former watch factory is forced to sign a declaration to the effect that he will not reveal any military secrets to anyone, including members of his family. Violators of this declaration are tried by a military court and are subject to sentences ranging from 15 years imprisonment to capital punishment. This factory employs about 450 people and operates on two daily shifts. The workers are well paid and, according to informant, are thoroughly investigated by the Party and Security Police (UB).
4. All of the factory buildings, including the three newly-constructed buildings, are surrounded by a high brick wall on which there is a barbed wire fence. There are three gates in this wall, including one for the railroad trains; each is guarded by two Internal Security Corps (KBW) sentries. During the night, the entire factory area is illuminated by searchlights which have been placed at the corners of the walls.

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